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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL: 1973/74 BUDGET

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1. SUMMARY - IN BUDGET SUB- COMMITTEE, IWC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PAROTTE REAFFIRMED THAT POST ADJUSTMENTS WOULD BE BASED ON COST- OF- LIVING CRITERIA. SUB- COMMITTEE ACCEPTED NOTIONAL PROVISION, FULLY BRACKETED, OF 10,000 POUNDS FOR POSSIBLE COSTS RENEWAL OF IWC AND ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATION OF 140,000 POUNDS ASSESSMENT BUDGET. 1973/74 BUDGET WILL NEXT BE CONSIDERED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL IN JUNE SESSION WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION. END SUMMARY

2. US RAISED AT OUTSET BUDGET SUB- COMMITTEE MEETING QUESTION OF CRITERIA ON WHICH POST ADJUSTMENTS BASED. PAROTTE REAFFIRMED THAT THESE INTENDED SOLELY TO MEET COST- OF- LIVING INCREASES FACED BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF IWC. SINCE IWC SALARIES DENOMINATED IN STERLING, WOULD BE ANOMALOUS USE MONETARY FLUCTUATIONS AS REASON FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS. IN ADDITION PAROTTE'S POINTS, SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT ONCE SYSTEM IN PLACE POST ADJUSTMENTS WOULD NOT BE GRANTED

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AUTOMATICALLY. THEY WOULD BE PROPOSED AT TIME IWC BUDGET FOR FORTHCOMING CROP YEAR SUBMITTED. COUNCIL COULD, IF JUSTIFICATION FOR POST ADJUSTMENT NOT RELATED TO COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES, ALWAYS REFUSE GRANT ADJUSTMENT.

3. ON RENEWAL OF IWC, US PROPOSAL THAT NOTIONAL PROVISION OF 10,000 POUNDS REMAIN FULLY BRACKETED WAS SUPPORTED BY JAPAN AND ACCEPTED BY SUB-COMMITTEE. JAPAN SOUGHT ASSURANCES THAT COUNCIL WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS RENEWAL BEFORE TAKING UP BUDGET. PAROTTE SAID THAT AGENDA WOULD ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR FORMAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET. HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT MOST REALISTIC APPROACH WOULD BE ADOPTION OF PROTOCOL. IF COUNCIL AGREED TO PROTOCOL APPROACH IN JUNE, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE OR NO COST TO IWC, SINCE PROTOCOL COULD BE DRAFTED AND SUBMITTED TO MEMBERS DURING NEXT (NOVEMBER) COUNCIL SESSION. EVEN IF SOME SLIPPAGE, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION TO APPROVE PROTOCOL NECESSARY, THERE WOULD STILL BE CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS TO COUNCIL, AS COMPARED TO NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE APPROACH. (FYI - PAROTTE HAS SAID PRIVATELY THAT NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE APPROACH COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR FAC WHICH HAS NO FUNDS ITS OWN. HE BELIEVES SOME IWC MEMBERS MIGHT OBJECT TO ALLOWING FAC TO BE RENEGOTIATED IN CONFERENCE, ON GROUNDS THAT THEY WOULD BE MEETING EXPENSES OF AN AGREEMENT TO WHICH THEY NOT PARTY. PAROTTE HAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EXPENSES OF UN SPONSORED MEETING COULD SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEED 10,000 POUNDS, WHICH IS HISTORICAL FIGURE BASED ON 1971 EXPENSES. END FYI)

4. QUESTION OF RESERVE FUND AND ASSESSMENT ON MEMBERS FOR 1973/74 DISCUSSED TOGETHER. US MADE POINT THAT PRESENT RESERVE OF ABOUT 60,000 POUNDS WOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE MEET ANY FORESEEABLE EXPENSES WERE IT NOT FOR PROBLEM OF ARREARS AND NON-PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS. SUB-COMMITTEE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL RECOMMEND THAT PAROTTE CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS COLLECT UNPAID CONTRIBUTIONS. ALSO AGREED THAT TOTAL ASSESMENT ON MEMBERS OF 140,000 POUNDS SEEMED REALISTIC AND WOULD NOT RESULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ANY DANGEROUS RUNDOWN OF RESERVES.

5. BUDGET WILL NEXT BE CONSIDERED IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH WILL FORWARD IT TO COUNCIL FOR FINAL DECISION IN JUNE SESSION.

6. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW ON 1974/75 BUDGET.

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